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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia California State Assembly State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 755– As amended on April 24, 2017 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Garcia:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 755, legislation that would establish the California Museums for All to be administered by the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE). Specifically, CCHE will provide grants to participating museums that would allow them to offer free to \$3 admissions fee to low income patrons.

Access to art and culture is a quality of life indicator and can provide economic impact by generating jobs, spending, attract tourist and assist to attract business, and their employees. Access to museums offers communities educational opportunities to expand cultural awareness, individual development, and knowledge in areas of art, music and humanities. AB 755 would provide funding for counties like ours to expand educational programming and cultural experiences for their communities.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 755. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or <u>jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Robert Lovingood First District Supervisor

Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation